Howland Wood - Personal

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[Numismate
Paris, France]

1905-1913

Paris, Aug. 10th 1905
23, rue Vaneau

Dear Sir.

Rev. Foster Ely sent me the Journals of Numismatics with your articles on Siamese coinage. I am very thankful to you for your kindness in offering them to him and indirectly to me.

I received but two of the journals though, nº 185 & 186. Rev. Ely wrote he had previously sent me your first article, but he mistook with nº 179 translating M. Silvestre's Siamese money. I write to him about it and will shortly receive the wanting one.

There bits of information, I can send you:

Battambong. – I think that fig. 16 ought to be attributed to Cambodia in general; it is an old coin which already existed in the XVII^th^ century: Laidet, les six voyages de J. B. Tavernier, vol II, Figures des pièces du roi de Cambaya. There are two main varieties: one with a character which you have pictured, one without. I have some in copper, others silver-plated, others in silver.

Of the same kind, here is a different one, the bird being turned to right (n°1). The only one I met with. Rx plain.

Of your n° 15, I have four copper silver-plated, and one in silver; all smaller than your pictures.

But here is a type which seems to be older, as old as the previous ones for Cambodia (n°2), copper silver-plated, Rx plain.

I have also seen gold

coins with the sacred bird minted in Battambang, of different sizes, in recent years, but they rather are medals offered as gifts by the Siamese chief of Battambang. I could not get any.

Cambodia. – Two little coins, previous to the minting of 1848, given to me by m. Silvestre. Supposed to represent a heart, with a cross and 2 swords across. n.3 would be a testimonial of the influence of Portuguese missionnaries. Æ blank. Copper silver-plated, and silver.

n.4

A minute silver coin representing a crab; Æ blank (n°4).



The pewter coins of 1848, that you enumerate, as Haas does, are but essays, I believe. M. Silvestre never found one in Cambodia. I found a set of six, or rather

two sets of three, intercalating one another; each set has its peculiarities; one I got in Berlin, the other in London. The biggest is 56 m/m wide (London set); the second pictured by Haas, 44 m/m (Berlin set). The four others correspond to the coins existing in silver. Very likely these essays were made for merchants who hoped to obtain orders to mint them.

You describe the four coins in silver. I have a fifth one, the only one I saw and which I do not have in pewter (n° 5)

The Malay Peninsula has not as much interest for me as Cambodia and Siam proper. But I possess two pewter coins supposed to be

for Tringanou but which I cannot identify either with Millies descriptions or with yours (nos 6, 7).

I shall be glad if any of the above informations can interest you. I may go to Indo-China next winter and visit Cambodia again. I shall seek for some more coins and full details.

Believe me,
dear Sir,
yours sincerely
A. Salles

no 6

no 7

Paris, Oct. 18th 1905
23, rue Vaneau

My dear Sir,

I have not much time to complete my preceding letters because I am to leave Paris on the 23rd for Djibouti where I shall spend two months and next for Indo-China. When I am back next year about June or July, I hope I may be able to write more at length.

I have quite a number of duplicates from Annam; but a number of them I have not yet determined and now I have no time to do it. Next year I shall send some of them to you. At that time I may also be able to offer such ones which I may gather during my

trip through the Far East.

This time I only send this little Cambodian coin or jeton since the one you have is not pierced. I also have one with a much bigger hole.

Amongst my coins of Siam proper, I think I have but this one which enters in none of your descriptions. The obverse belongs to the Chula Sakes silver series of 1868, but the Rx is deprived of the elephant which is replaced by inscriptions in siamese and chinese. It is the only one I ever saw.

Now would you let me indicate a few of my desiderata in order that if by chance you discover them at good prices, you may get them and put them aside to be exchanged next year for what I shall be able to offer you.

In the Am. J. of Num., 1904, p. 87, I read of a masonic medal in Mexico, with

inscriptions in French (MCCXXXI). This one I should like to get as well as any other medal, with inscriptions in French from the U. S., Mexico and other foreign countries.

Also from Mexico, a jeton of the Loge des Hospitaliers des Deux-Mondes;

a jeton of the Association française, union et belge, 24 juin 1878, Æ (sold 20 cents at the Bastow's sale by Lyman Low, Oct. 1902, n° 263);

a jeton: République française / Souvenir du 14 Juillet 1886, Mexico (sold 0.75, by Scott Cie at the Eug. Fischer sale in 1891);

and so on.

If you have any thing

to write to me, please
not that I shall be:

( at Djibouti
( Côte française des Somalis
until 31st of January next;

( at Saïgon
poste restante
( French Indo-China
until June 1st 1906 or so.

Sincerely yours
O. Sallo

Paris, feb. 8th 1907
23, rue Vaneau.

My dear Sir,

It is indeed a very long time since I have a mind of writing to you. But days and days fled away and I could not do it. I was back from the Far East in July, spent some weeks South with my family and settled in Paris in October, but soon after my life went through a crisis : I retired

from active service and this change disturbed me a good deal for some time.

Now I am settled for a few months. I shall go back to Indochina next winter to watch over my rice fields.

In your letter of Christmas 1905 you spoke of a coin attributed to Gradelouis, which had been described in Spink's Circular. I suppose you read Say's answer in a

following number. I am of his opinion.

The large Chinese piece, a rubbing of which I had sent, is as you supposed of silver. It has the same weight as a globular 4 trical piece. I suppose it must have been intended as all big coins of those countries specially for trading purposes, not for daily exchanges; that would account for the presence of Chinese characters.

I did not post

us many interesting
things last winter:

From Harar, coins
of king Menelick and
much better small coins
in arabic language of
emir Abdullahi who held
the place before the Abys-
sinians conquered it;

from Cambodia,
several medals about the
late events in that country:
death of the mother-queen,
death of king Norodom,
and so on;

from Annam, some
silver bars, but of the most
common kind.

One day of that

kind interesting for you?

In Phnom-Penh, I got a rubbing of a silver copy of the big coin with pagoda and sacred bird, 55 m/m wide, which I have in pewter. But I got it too late, just on my departure, to go and see the coin. I am trying to get it, but am afraid I shall not succeed.

I wrote Dr Ely some time ago but got no answer. Will you kindly inform me about him.

Hoping to renew our correspondence, I remain Sincerely yours

A. Fallou

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Paris, March 07

My dear Sir,

I send you what I can of these Harrar coins. I have two other types, but no duplicates of them. They all were asked for me by the French consul to emir Abdullai who now lives at Harrar as a citizen after being dethroned by the Abyssinians.

These Mohammedan coins are of interest to me only because they belong to a coinage of French influence

I have a few duplicates of some of the Khartoum Mahdi's coins. Do you care for them? Some years ago I had a correspondent at Khartoum, in the Bank of Egypt and through him could gather a fine variety of these coins as a curiosity.

I shall get quite [illegible] the three medals the inclosing of which you sent. Very glad to get the two about the French Canadians.

I shall also be glad to

get the big one about Thiers although I consider it as an invention of some engraver such as Brichaut. I do not think that about 1873 there was in Philadelphia such a number of French people who may have had the possibility of ordering such a medal. What do you think of it?

I have not retired from active service to remain idle. I have some artistical business in Cochinchina. I will so-

put up some other business in that rich country.

I was sorry to hear that Dr. Ely has been in poor health. I shall be glad to hear of him.

Believe me very truly yours

G. Sallee

Paris, June 26th 1907
23, rue Vaneau

Dear Sir,

I could not answer your letter as soon as I should have wished to do so: please excuse me.

I shall be glad to lower the price for the Guelderman pieces down to 35 £. Will that do? Coins are, I think, very rare. Still, if on account of the duplicates you may have, the amount is too high, you can send back the lot after inspection.

I sent the package by American Express C° (June 22nd); postage and insurance 5 sh. 70, say $ 1.

C° 65, Broadway, N.Y.

Thus it would make 36

less what I owe you 2,42

that is $ 33,58

On that amount I shall be very glad if you spend $ 2 or $ 3 on Canadian tokens. I have but a few, a list of which I enclose; but I shall not mind if by chance some duplicate comes in the number.

The Havran pieces were given to me by the emir through the French consul. I am glad to offer them to you.

To this letter I join some prints which were sent to me by Lincoln in London, or which I got from two coins communicated by Kuhn in Berlin. In both circumstances, I gave up buying what I had not because Cardwman was really too much out of my way.

In the box, you will find
2 medals (Martinique, Elba),
1 silver coin (pure) for Madagascar,
1 token (New-Zealand)

They are intended for Rev. Mr Eby. Will you please be so kind as to direct them to him whenever you can. They were not worth sending a special package and I do not have his new address.

Very sincerely yours

O. Sallee

July, 16, 1907.

Dear Sir,-

Your letter arrived the other day, and the express package came yesterday. I am very much pleased with the Ondurman pieces and will keep them. I am especially glad to get the little ones, and I think later I will write something about them as nothing has been written about them in this country. I am sending you an American Express check for $3.38 the price agreed upon less the amount of coins sent you.

I thought that I could get a number of French-Canadian coins to send you but I could only find two or three and they were not worth sending, I am keeping your list and if I get enough to pay for sending I will let you know.

Tomorrow or the next day I will send the Rev. Lly the coins you enclosed as I want to write him a long letter at the same time and send him some coins also. His address is 20 Suburban Ave., Stamford, Conn. His eyesight is very troubling him very much just now and he is doing very little letter writing.

Our society will have a Convention in about a month and I am very busy preparing for it, as I have to do most of the work I cannot write you anything new on coins. If ever you get anything in my line let me know. I desire to express my pleasure again on receiving the Ondurman pieces, I remain,

very sincerely,

To the Hon. A. Salles,

[illegible]

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Paris, Aug. 2d 1907

Dear Sir,

I received the draft for which I thank you.

I am glad you enjoyed the coins and thought you would.

I sometimes see some Algerian coins, but not being able to read the Arabic writting would be very awkward in picking up some for you.

I will be glad to hear from you at any time.

Very sincerely

G. Dallas

Mr. Howland Wood

93, Perry Street

Brooklyn, New

York City

Paris, June 19th 1909
23, rue Vaneau

Dear Sir,

I really wonder how time flies away. June nearly over already! Since I came back from Indochina last year at the end of July, I have been very busy all the time. I often intended to write to you; but always something came on which obliged me to postpone. I hope you will excuse me.

One fine thing I brought from Cambodia, this big coin of king Ong-duong. I already had an essay of it in pewter. By showing it in Pnom-Penh, although very competent natives declared it had never existed, I succeeded in 1906 in discovering one in silver, but it was not until my new trip of last year that I could obtain to buy it. It is not struck, but cast. One of the prince

royal family told me that only 20 were cast and that in fabrication was given up because it was too difficult.

What has become of Rev. Ely? I sent him month ago a Christmas card, but got no answer.

I hope you shall not imitate him and beg leave to remain

yours sincerely

O. Salles

this one you have

no 1

this one may be new to you it is base metal silver plated

no 2

no 3

date 1860

edge plain obv. die rusty.

no 4

Good workmanship.

poorly struck Rev. die not the same as 1860 die

fairly well made and struck.

no 5

no 6

– I have

– I have not but know it. I have rubbings of it and also of several others with flowers ~~and~~ animals, in silver.

4 – 1902 is the date of inauguration of Mandalay's pagoda. These coins were minted to be offered as souvenirs or distributed through the crowd, in gold and in silver.

I suppose they tried at first to make use of the old dies of 1860; this explains no 3.

At this same date they also minted in gold some pieces of 5 and 10 ℓ. of 1860, ~~for~~ to complete a set of medals for distribution, corresponding as in size to the set of 1860.

no 5 — of no great interest from the fact that it comes from Reichardt. I have it in silver and in copper.

no 6 — Is a regular issue, zinc. I have one with the word essai and one piéfort.

Argelès (Htes Pyrénées)
7 7bre 1905

My dear Sir,

I received your letter of Aug. 20th whilst away from Paris; I thank you for it and also for your interesting pamphlet on the Engrah.

I cannot just now answer your questions but one, as I do not have my own wins at hand. I shall do it when back in Paris after Oct. 1st.

The little copper coin: Royaume Cambodge, 1 centime, has been described by Jay in his supplement to his Histoire monétaire des colonies françaises. The information he gives, I got for him from Cambodia. I was told that it was issued for a Chinese firm as a token for play. But in this I do not entirely confide. The inscriptions do not correspond to that use. I should rather think that it was copied from the token of piastre of Cochinchina, by some European firm, at its own risk,

in the hope of obtaining from King Norodom an order to have it minted for circulation. As a fact I never saw one in Cambodia, nor did Mr. Silvestre. In Paris, it is not known. I shall inquire on that subject next winter when in Cambodia.

I have just received from Rev. Ely, the wanting copy of your Coinage of Siam which I now have complete. You may be but a student but you study in a scientific way and that I highly appreciate

The more so because my busy and wandering life prevents me from doing the same.

I shall certainly be very glad to meet you if I go again to the United States and hope that when you come to Paris, you will kindly inform me of your presence.

Yours sincerely

G. Sallus

Paris, July 31st 1909

Dear Sir,

Excuse me for not answering immediately. I was busy and could not find the necessary length of time which I required.

I thank you very much for this Canadian jeton and this French lead. I wonder what this lead is.

Please accept in return these annamite sapeques: 2 of king Dong-Kanh, 2 of king Than-thai, who succeded the previous one and is father of baby-king Duy-than whom we placed on the throne two years ago. I hope you may not have them.

You must now have a very fine series of Cundinman coins.

About the rublings you send I answer on your own sheet of paper.

I am sorry I have no coins of the Malay peninsula to offer you. As a fact I am not interested in them except for a few considered as curios. They are out of the way of French Indochina.

As you desire, I give you a list

of such duplicates I have of Indochinese coins; they are the only ones I have out of Eastern coins. You may indicate if you desire any of them; but I should not be able to send them before October next, because when your answer comes I shall be in the South of France until the end of September.

If you find some other French-Canadian jetons or any jeton or medal of America with French inscriptions or indicative of any French action, please let me know.

They leave to remain

very sincerely

G. Salles

Cambodia. – Norodom, 1860, 2 francs, in gold, struck in 1899 when the mother-queen was incinerated.

Norodom, 1860, 10 centimes, different type, with ESSAI under the head, copper.

Ong-duong. Pg, pagoda. With a small hole. These not pierced are very scarce. Silver.

Norodom. Pg: 15. Yellow copper. Of same kind there exist: 10, 15, 20 and 25. I do not know what they were intended for. Nobody knows anything about them in Cambodia.

Annam

Thieu tri. Small
decoration. Silver.

Tu-duc. do do

Tu-duc.
60 sapeques.
copper. By the
usual character
I do not believe
they ever were
put into circulation.
I consider them as essays from the
fact that there exist two different sizes for same
value.

Gialong. — Silver rare, 37 grammes;
1/2 do 29 d'.

Indochina. — Piefort of the new cent of 1908,
which is of same type as the previous men-
ced one, but a little smaller.
Cents and silver coins of different
dates in good condition.

French Laos. — Base silver bar:

Small copper hatchet-

3 copper arm-rings of different types

Shan States. –

Xieng-mai.

Silver ingot this shape, swollen in the middle, with three slight punches of the Siamese elephants.

Value: 2 ticals.

Weighs more than 50 gr.

Nan.

Silver(?) ingot, lentile shape.

Said to be of 1/4 tical, but weighs but 9 grammes less than the previous

Cincinnati, Ohio, 24th 1909

Dear Sir,

I am very much obliged to you for the three coins which were delivered safely.

The medal "Chateau de Ramezay" is quite interesting.

But the other one "Good saint Anne de Beaupre pray for us, is about the contrary of what I seek since it is a french-canadian medal in English.

Thanks for the Lincoln cent. Quite new to me: a neat little medal.

I did not see any of your new 5 ¢ pieces. But I think we are going to have some 1, 2 and 5 cents pieces of the same kind in aluminium.

I shall write again from Paris as soon as I get there.

Yours very truly
A Sachs

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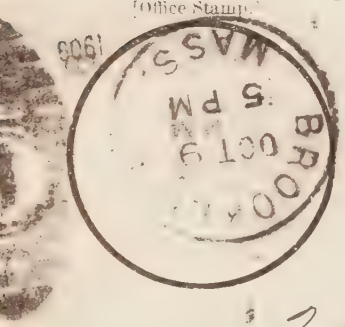


Mr A. Salles

Paris

France

23 Rue Vaneau

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Paris, Oct. 25th 09

23, rue Vaneau

My dear Sir,

Since I was back in Paris, I really was very busy and now beg to be forgiven for remaining so long without completing my letter of September 24th.

I received your letter of October 9th.

The new aluminium pieces have not yet been issued. Nor had I any opportunity of meeting any one who may have any essay of them. I think the will be on the principle of the coins of Westphalie under Jérome-Napoleon, or of French Guyana and Bourbon in 1818 and 1846.

Your new $5 gold coin is on a somewhat different principle. I like it; but that would not do for commonly circulating coins. It would soon put all on a level.

The parcel post has not yet come. I suppose it will soon be here. Not being rich in French Canadian coins, it is very likely that I shall keep the 12.

I am sending the following

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| French Cao Nlen bar (base silver) | 14 | Fr. |
| Hieng-Mai ingot, 2 ticals, | 8 | Fr. |
| Nan ingot, ½ tical | 4 | Fr. |
| Pierfort cent Indochina 1908 | 7 | Fr. |
| Cambodia Ong-duong | 3 | Fr. |
| do Norodom, copy | 3 | Fr. |
| Tu-duc, 60 sapeques, 2 | 8 | F. |
| | 47 | Fr. |
| i.e. | £ 9 | |

I got the Tu-duc 60 sapeques from the treasury at Hué.

The Dong-Khanh and Tuan-thai sapeques I previously sent are not rare; they are quite current in Hué. The rare one is King Ham-Nghi's whom we dethroned in 1885 and who now lives in Algiers.

The Cambodian piece 25 has no value for me. Any merchant may strike such things and offer them in the royal court with the hope of obtaining a bargain. This series was not adopted. Nobody knows any thing about it in Phnom-Penh.

Believe me very truly yours

A. Salles

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Paris, Dec. 1st 1909
23, rue Vaneau.

Dear Sir,

I have been away South from Oct. 31st until the day before yesterday.

On my return, I found your parcel post with 12 Lorraine medals. They are of the very kind I am seeking for; all but one are new to me, but I shall keep them all at the price of $4, for which amount I credit you.

I hope you received

parcel which I sent through the American Express Co. on Oct. 29th.

If you can send other Canadian medals, different ones of course, I should be glad to get these for the rest of the amount which you would owe me if you keep what I sent.

I enclose a worse list of the Canadian medals which I already have.

Yours truly

A. Sadler

M. Say, the French colonial coin collector died a few days ago.

Paris, Dec. 1st '09

My dear Sir,

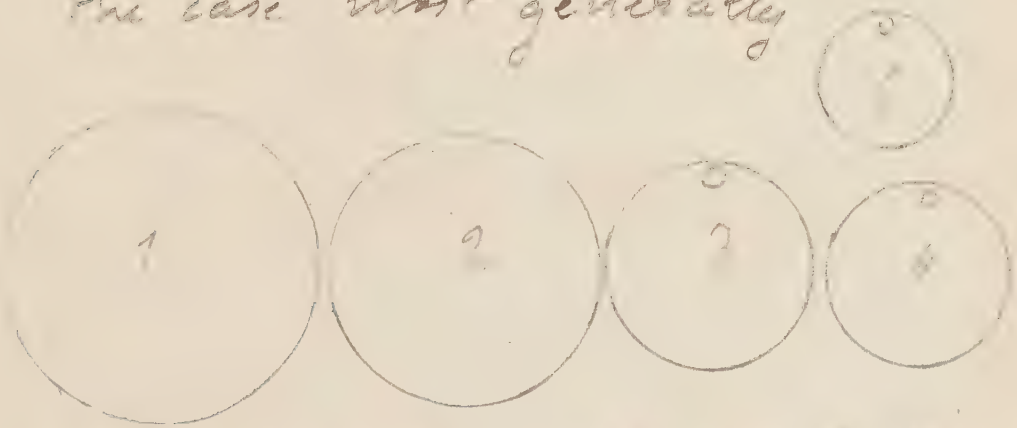
I did get your letter of Nov. 28 with a check amounting to 4 francs for which I thank you.

Now I owe you $4 which I will send unless I have some other duplicates you may care for.

I have plenty amateur negatives, but never have time to look after them. If I find time during Xmas week I shall certainly be able to send some to you.

I have just come across a

fine complete set of the 5 Ong-duong pieces with pagoda and stupa. Consequently I might hand to you the set which I kept for ten years, the three small ones having unhappily a small hole as it is the case most generally




But I recommend you I believe no 3 and you very likely have no 1 and 2. The set for $3 or no 4 and 5 for $ 2.50

Do you care for coins from Abyssinia? I presently have as duplicate two fine ones:

Menelick's thaler, by Chaplain
rue flatbrunn. f.d.c. $ 2,-

Menelick's 1 guerche, by Lagrange,
copper (only 200+ minted
and sent to Abyssinia; how
many will come back?) $ 3,-

I do not think I can find any of those Lafrance coinages. They do not come to Indochina. Still if I was to find any I should willingly get them for you.

A merry Christmas and a happy new year and believe me

yours truly

A. Salles

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+ In the annual reports of Paris mints

Paris, Jan. 26th 1910

23, rue Vaneau

My dear Sir,

I send you here enclosed the amount of $4, which I owe you a few weeks since.

With thanks, I beg leave to remain very truly

G. Sallet

Paris, March 8th 1910
23 rue Vaneau

My dear Sir,

I received the lot of Canadian medals, out of which I keep:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 19 at 5 cents | | 0.95 |
| 13 at 10 - | | 1,30 |
| 9 at 25 - | | 2,25 |
| | | 4,50 |

I send back a few that I already have and some others concerning Ste Anne de Beaupré which have no interest, being multiplicated at any merchant's will. Of these I keep but a few of the smallest and older.

Some I keep [illegible]

ones from my point of view, being memorials of the use of French language and of French colonization in Canada; the best are those concerning the Société St Jean-Baptiste which acts as a national association. Any of these will be good for me.

By and by I should be glad to get some of the Canadian sous of the different banks in Bas-Canada (96, 97, 118, 119 etc. in Lecour's Atlas numismatique), and also: nos 139-183. There are many varieties; I have a few and should be happy to complete the collection.

The coins you have for Ethiopia are the set in circulation. The Chaplain

is on flan bruni and is a pattern, one of the first issued, intended for presents.

The bronze coin you have is 1/100 of a thaler. The one I send is 1 guerche, the highest value of a set of three of which only 200 have been minted (see Rapport de la monnaie De Paris, 1907, page 40 or any other year. Not many of these certainly remain in France; they went to Abyssinia as samples; a very few ~~were~~ have likely come back to Europe. I have the second which was brought to me from Addis-Ababa and never saw an other complete one. This guerche is the only duplicate of mine that I saw.

Don't you have this small silver coin of Menelick, previous to the preceding one minted at Harar: a crown with Ethyopian inscription; & Ethyopian inscription? These are not much known about here having been minted in Abyssinia. I could send you one at 50 cents. They will disappear under the new currency.

For the present I have none of the common copper coins. — I send the two small coins of Cambodia; I am sorry they are pierced in such a state they fetch high prices in Phnom-Penh being devised as porte-bonheur for children.

Consequently: Cambodia .... 1,40
Chapalier's thaler ..... 2,—
1 guerche ..... 3,—
total ..... 6,40

you sent .... 7
send back ... 2,50
I owe .... 4,50 ..... 4,50
at my credit 1,90

The bearer will be glad to receive this amount at my credit at the Banque de l'Indochine and will give you a receipt.

Sincerely yours

Paris, March 19th 1910
23, rue Vaneau

Dear Sir,

Your letter of Feb. 27th arrived just in time. I could introduce one of the big signs of Tu-Duc in the parcel ready for postage; that is the only duplicate I have at present.

I am sure I do not remember how much I charged for the others I sent. Will you please add the [illegible]

one to the same at my friend's
I sent the parcel through
the American Express Co on
March 12th.

Yours very truly

O. Sallee

Amp

Paris, 16 Avril 1910
23, rue Vaneau.

My dear Sir,

I thank you for Breton's book very much. I knew its existence but, as you guessed, did not have it. It is more complete than Lerouge. Thus you may rather ~~many~~ make use of it for sending lists of prices.

Strange to say: these French Canadian numismatists do not say a word of such medals which are the most important

from a historical point of view. I mean the medals and jetons of the annual French-Canadian conventions under the rule of the Société de St-Jean-Baptiste. This society is intended for the preservation of French-Canadian nationality. I got from you several very interesting specimens; not one has been catalogued.

I lack several of the Louis XV jetons for les Colonies d'Amérique; if you know of any for sale, please write me about them.

I send here enclosed the small coin of menelick struck at Harrar:

Ob.: Negousa nagast Menilek (Minilek, with dies ?);

R: 1885, Itiopya ana (?) mahalleg (1885 (=1893), Ethiopie, une piastre).

Please accept it with my best compliments.

You are still in want of the ½ and ¼ copper pieces. With these you would have all the Lagrange and Chaplain coins. All these have been lien struck in the Paris mint the differends of which they all have. You will find them entered in the annual reports of the mint.

But I was told that a few years ago Menilick ordered the dies to be sent to Addis-Ababa and that he ordered a new issue to be minted with them by an Armenian merchant. Until this day I did not succeed in getting any of these.

In Addis-Ababa, the Paris ½ talari has been used as a decoration, the value being scratched out and the coin being gold plated.

The ob. of the Chaplain talari was struck on a copper flan when Ras Makonnen visited the Paris mint in 1902.

I got from Mr. Jay a small yellow copper coin having on ob. the Ethiopian lion, on reverse an inscription. The translation of

which I do not yet have. Mr. Joy attributed it to Choa; Menelick was king of that country before he conquered the whole of Abyssinia. I never saw an other one like it.

Next you must consider as coins of Abyssinia:

cartridges (I have six different ones);

bars of salt;

aboudjedid, the usual piece of cotton stuff.

As much as I know that is all for Abyssinian numismatics.

Nevertheless I forgot two money having same shape: the

annual view of the Paris mint,
and on ℞ :

one — dated 1898 l'ambassade de S.M. l'empereur Menelick visite la Monnaie de Paris.

the other — S.A.I. le Ras Makonnen a visité la Monnaie de Paris le 19 Juillet 1902.

I also forgot to mention the Maria-Theresa thaler of 1780 which is current throughout Abyssinia and Africa as far as lake Tchad and the Niger.

Now that's all.

— I doubt I can get any of these new diames coins you mention. They are very [illegible]

the Paris mint. If I should succeed, I should let you know.

I remain my Lady

A Dawe

Paris, 5 Juin 1910
23, rue Vaneau.

My dear Sir,

I was very much pleased with the Montreal newspaper item.

I got the enclosed note on Ethiopian coins from the professor of Ethiopian language in our Ecole des langues orientales; I do not know him personally, but got the note through the kindness of the director of the school. — I should like to keep it with my own notes; would you mind taking a copy of it since I see that you can easily trace Ethiopian letters. I think it gives you the information you cared for.

I enclose a cutting of the

yellow copper coin which Mr. Jay found in Paris. No one knew anything about it in Harar. I lost the translation of the ℞, but think the inscription means: Invincible King of China. — I suppose the die was made by some merchant who hoped to obtain an order to have the coin minted.

I did not think that the Louis XV Canadian jetons brought such high prices in your country. I have a duplicate of n° 548 (Bouton); you value it at $35-60. Would you offer it to an amateur at $40?

I could not get from the Mint any of the Siamese new medals.

Yours truly
A. Sallet

Paris, Oct. 11th 1910

23, rue Vaneau

Dear Sir,

I received with much pleasure your "Canadian Blacksmith" copy. It is a very curious study, a very patient one too on your part.

In return I have the pleasure of sending you a short note on Jessie's Farewell, on the plains of the Lords also Philadelphia in Hayti.

I hope you may

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Paris, Feb. 12th 1911

My dear Sir,

I received the money order for $42,70 for which I thank you very much. The Canadian lion was sold at a very good price. We are guits.

I never saw this little Siamese gold coin. The inscription on the ♆ means: Capitale des anges, that is Bangkok, so said a young Cambodian of Battambang to whom I presented the tikalinga.

Would you care for a set of essays in aluminum: 5%, 10%, 25%, 1909, by Henri Dubois, for France; they have not been adopted. [illegible] rubbing. The 25% piece is much more scarce than the two others. The set is worth here 80 francs; I should give it at 70.

I also have the ordinary piece of 10%, but on aluminum with the word Essai. [illegible] I think I already sent you one.

I saw that Rev. Ely sold away a part of his collection. Schulman's catalogue [illegible]

Doubles of Rev. Ely's collection. But I recognized some of them which certainly were not duplicates.

Believe me yours sincerely

O. Salles

I sent the rubbings of the Japanese Kwan Ei sen to Tonkin, but have no answer as yet.

I am afraid I neglected thanking you for your friend's souvenir medallion. If I did, please excuse me because during the month of November when I got it I was very much worried by the sickness and death of one of my Annamite, typists. Heartly thanks to your friend the librarian

Toulouse, April 15th 1911

My dear Sir,

Excuse me for delaying so long my answer; I was too busy whilst in Paris. Being here for a few days rest, I can now take my pen and write.

The little Siamese gold coin was very likely issued and distributed on the occasion of some great festivity.

So it is for the silver medal the rubbing of which you sent in your second letter. I send the translation; it very likely refers to the incineration of King Chulalongkorn.

The bronze proofs with the year 1197, are now current in Bangkok, I was told.

The copper coin with pagoda, value 1 Pfenning, is circulating at Battambang. So I was told by a young lad from that place. Battambang is a Cambodian province which was under Siamese rule from 1869 until 1908 when France got it back for Cambodia. The Phya Kathathorn, a Cambodian chief acting for Siam in Battambang has been issuing coins (this is one I guess) and also gold medals which he distributed as presents.

I enclose the letter of

my young Cambodian.

This masonic medal has no interest for my collection; that loge was in Paris. I thank you for offering it.

The little coin of Henry V is worth 5 francs in Paris. Of course it is not a regular issue, but people seek for it.

— I have not yet seen those Siamese pieces.

I have the Battambang piece. I do not think it belongs to the set of King Ong-Chong from the fact that I never met with the proof of it with the sets of pewter proofs of the series.

I may before long have as duplicates a set of three of these pewter proofs.

— I enclose our 5 and 10 ℔ coins such as I get them from the Treasury in Paris.

Believe me truly yours

A. Salles

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This is an address of a catholic missionary who has for sale a collection of Chinese coins:
R. Père Fillastre, supérieur des missions apostoliques,
à Pockfullum, Hong-Kong.

I just receive some coins from Tonkin. Three of them are intended for you. "the only sous to be found". "as for the others with design on the Rº, I shall try to get it through a Japanese, as in Annam, it is not possible to make false ones." So says my correspondent. Some coins he send are Chinese; I may send them over to you if you like, but Mr Chemnitz

Paris, June 5th 1912
rue Vaneau 23

Dear Sir,

It is indeed a very long time since I wrote to you; I am ashamed, but hope you may excuse me. My mother died in November last; it made a great change and gave me much occupation over the usual one.

I kept at hand your last letter expecting I might answer it at any time. That time only comes now.

You asked if I knew anything about the two abt siamese pieces in nickel. I answer no. I should think it is an essay.

Did you write to Père Filastre at Hong-kong? Did you get anything from him? I hope you did.

You wished to have a list of any duplicates I may have. I send you that list, hoping some of the coins may interest you.

Very truly yours

O. Salles

Paris, Oct. 27th 1912
rue Vaneau 23

Dear Sir,

I was glad to hear of you and to know that there is nothing wrong about your health.

I thank you very much for this Canadian medal. I had not yet seen it but knew about its existence.

Please accept a small medal from Annam. There is such a great variety of them that you may not have it.

I send you the coins you asked for. Total 11 francs. Do not bother about sending the

money. By and by when you pick up some coins for me, we shall account for it.

Do you know anything about the coin the rubbing of which I enclose? I have not yet had time to have the inscriptions translated. It is very likely from some Malayan state.

Believe me sincerely yours

G. Sallet

1/ Martinique — Napoléon III, Rx : Ministère de la marine et des colonies, Encouragement à l'agriculture, Br., à relière avec ruban et écrin, 40 m/m, f.d.c. — 6 f.

2/ France — 1897, pièce de 0,50 à la Semeuse (first year) f.d.c., patinée (pièces distribuées dans les ministères) — 5 f.

3/ do — 1897, — do — f.d.c. non patinée — 1 f.

4/ do — 1909, Essais en aluminium, 10 c/m et 5 c/m — 25 fr.

5/ do — 1909, do do, 25 c/m, 10 c/m et 5 c/m (the 25 c/m is much rarer than the others) — 50 f.

6/ Panama — 1880, Percement de l'isthme de Panama, by Roty, Rx Compagnie universelle du canal interocéanique, etc., 55 m/m, R, f.d.c. — 40 fr.

7/ Cambodge — 1860, Norodom, deux francs, sur flan d'or, 13,5 grammes — 60 fr.

8/ do — 1860, Norodom, 4 fr., 1 fr., 25 c., R., restrike of 1902 — 6 f.

9/ do — 1902, Norodom, Souvenir, sizes of the coins of 1 fr., 50 c., 25 c. — 5 f.

10/ France — 1723, Compagnie des Indes, jeton 30 m/m, R., Ob. armoiries ; Rx a ship, Spem augeat opesque parat (V. Jay, p. 272). Ob. is "anej bou" ; Rx, t.b. (with a spot of ink). Rare — 40 fr.

11/ St Domingue — Louis XVI, Cercle des Philadelphes au Cap, jeton R., restrike but old, 32 m/m (V. Jay, p. 234) — 20 fr.

12/ Grèce — 1911, pièce de 2 drachmes R, Essai : Ob., tête du roi ; Rx, armoiries, f.d.c. — 20

13/ 1910, pièce de 1 drachme R. : Ob., tête du Roi ; Rx cheval marin et femme accostant. Frappée, je crois, à petit nombre. At the mint I was told: "c'est une curiosité à cause de la frappe, parceque des deux côtés les reliefs se correspondent." In Greece, it has not been accepted and the actual drachme has on the Rx armoiries, as the 2 dr. — 20 fr.

12/ Comores Said Ali, piece de 5 francs (V. Zay, p. 252), R., t.b. 8, "

13/ Fouta-Djalon, 1879, piece R., 37 m/m distribué par l'explorateur de Sandeval: 6b., lion, KAHEL; R/ inscription in Arab (it has a hole as it has been used by some native woman as an ornament) 10, "

and a number of Chinese coins the list of which is rather difficult to establish.

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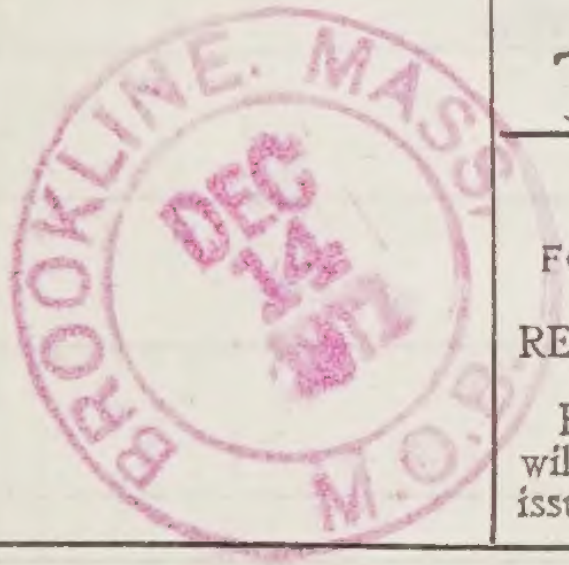


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Hon. A. Salles,
23 rue Vaneau,
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Dear Sir:-

Your letter of August 12th arrived while I was away on my vacation, which accounts for my delay in acknowledging it. I wish to thank you very much for the coins that you enclosed. I am very glad to get these, and add them all to my collection.

Since I wrote you last, I have left Boston and am now the Curator at The American Numismatic Society, and enjoy my work very much. In looking over the collection here, I find we have what seems to be a very interesting and extensive collection of pieces relating to the Revolution of 1848, numbering over sixteen hundred pieces. Without knowing anything about the subject I should judge this was a remarkable collection. Our regular French series is ordinary, a good comprehensive line without any rarities. Our French medals are better than the average collection outside of France, and through a couple of gifts in the past few years our modern artistic collection is extremely fine.

Again thanking you, I remain,

Very truly,